Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 08 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 09 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 07 Dec 2023 at 17:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Mostly high for Friday, 100m uncertainty in the freezing level. Low for Saturday Sunday and Monday, with the potential for persistent rain and summit snow at times. Moderate for turning colder by mid-week next week.

Headline for Friday 08 Dec 2023: Low cloud with some rain, drizzle and summit snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 08 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light snow	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Drizzle	Drizzle
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	10%	60%	60%	70%	60%	60%

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Weather: Cloudy with a few showers in the early hours. Cloud thickens toward dawn with patchy rain, drizzle and summit snow through the day, most persistent in the south across Argyll and Arran. Little change after dark.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% or less.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor with persistent cloud down to 500-600m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	37/44 SE	33/41 SE	36/44 SE	37/45 SE	33/40 SE	29/36 SE	24/30 SE	18/23 E	15/19 E
900	23/28 SE	23/29 SE	25/33 SE	26/34 SE	24/32 SE	23/30 SE	20/27 SE	18/23 SE	15/21 E
600	30/36 SE	29/35 SE	29/36 SE	31/38 SE	28/34 SE	20/26 SE	14/18 E	12/16 E	8/12 E
300	16/25 SE	17/26 SE	18/28 SE	18/29 SE	15/24 SE	12/21 E	8/13 E	6/10 NE	5/9 E
Glen	9/17 NE	6/15 E	6/15 E	6/14 E	6/13 E	8/16 E	8/15 E	7/16 NE	5/13 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-7	-1/-6
900	-0/-8	0/-7	0/-7	0/-7	1/-6	1/-6	1/-5	1/-5	1/-4
600	6/1	4/-1	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/-0	4/-0	4/1
300	5/0	5/0	5/0	5/0	5/1	5/2	5/2	5/2	5/3
Glen	6/3	6/3	6/4	7/5	7/5	7/4	6/4	6/4	5/4
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1400m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Freezing level typically 100-200m higher than in the table across the south of the area late afternoon and evening. Damp conditions will enhance a significant wind chill.

Forecast for Saturday 09 Dec 2023
Weather: Mostly dull with low cloud and occasional drizzle, sleet or wet snow on the highest summits through the early hours and to start the day. Heavier rain and summit snow likely from late morning, especially in the south. Turning drier through the evening and start of the night.

Maximum wind: East 10-15 gusting 20 mph. Becoming Southwest 15 gusting 25 mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% or less.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally very poor with cloud likely to be persistent above 300-400m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 or 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m to 1300m.

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